



# Action

## The World of FLEX



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### FLEX Alumna Coordinates Jack Welch's Visit to Moscow



From the left: Suzy Welch, Anastasiya Nanayeva, and Jack Welch

On May 21, 2007, corporate giant and former General Electric CEO Jack Welch visited Moscow where he presented a Master's class for 140 business leaders. The class was co-sponsored by Ukrainian business executive Anastasiya Nanayeva, a '98/99 FLEX alumna who invited Welch and his wife Suzy to participate in this event. Ms. Nanayeva is currently the Executive Director of RICH Strategy, whose slogan is "Bringing Ukraine onto the World Management Scene". Anastasiya's notable accomplishments include participation in the 2003 Global Village workshop (for Future Leaders of Business and Industry at the Iacocca Institute at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania) as well as her role in bringing strategic marketing expert Jack Trout to Ukraine in 2004.

### FLEX Student Wins Community Service Contest

*"Volunteering helps me feel that I am making a difference-  
that I have the power to change things for the better."*

*--Aizat Jakybalieva*

Kyrgyz FLEX student Aizat Jakybalieva was chosen as one of the top three winners of AYUSA's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Community Service Contest for her volunteerism at a local nursing home and rehabilitation center in Texas. Aizat completed more than 400 hours visiting elderly residents performing room visits, reading books, playing games, and sharing stories with them. To thank and honor Aizat for all of her hard work, AYUSA flew her and other winners to San Francisco on the weekend of March 30 to meet with AYUSA Headquarters staff and to tour the city!

Contest winners were selected based on their commitment to volunteerism, self-growth, and influence upon the community.



Haji atop a pyramid of friends

### Star FLEX Student Receives Warm Send-off!

The impact that Azeri FLEX student Haji Akhundov made on his Cypress, California host community was evident this past month. Boasting t-shirts printed with "I ♥ Azerbaijan," friends and family surprised Haji with a party in honor of his upcoming departure. Celebrating his year in the United States, partygoers enjoyed a lot of fun, plenty of memories, and a beautifully decorated cake.

Haji was active in The Police Explorers throughout the 2006-07 academic year and has completed over 50 hours of volunteer service.

### \*From Our Students

#### A FLEX RAP

"We're FLEX and  
We are A-SMYLE  
We rocked in DC  
For a while.  
We were trapped  
In hotel at night  
But our experience  
Was still tight.  
We went to White House  
and we went to the Court  
Everybody thinks  
That Re-Entry was hot.  
In fact to be honest  
It wasn't that hot,  
The weather in DC  
Was good, Nooooot.  
We still have two more  
Months to spare.  
Exchange experience  
Is so fun to share.  
Only e-students know  
How it feels,  
Let's give a hand  
To American Councils!"

**--FLEX Student  
Irakli Chikava  
Georgia**

\*written at conclusion of  
American Councils  
re-entry program,  
April 2007.

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